

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing AB 1939 which establishes the California State Military Museum and Resource Center located in Sacramento, California as the official military museum because I believe that it is very important to preserve California's storied military heritage. However, I am directing the Military Department to propose legislation in 2005 that would correct two concerns I have with this bill.

First, I believe that there should be no confusion between the lines of authority in the operations of the Military Museum as defined in the Military and Veterans Code and the Government Code. As such, a new bill should be introduced to clarify the status of the Museum under the Government Code. Second, it is my intent that the Adjutant General retains authority for the operations and management of the military museum. This bill and a similar bill from 2002, Senate Bill 1470, as written, imposes various responsibilities on the Military Department, but removes the Adjutant General's authority to ensure that the Museum and any appropriated funding are properly administered.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger